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ALDERLEY EDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEARS 1940-42.To the Chairman and Members of the Alderley Edge
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Stockdale and Gentlemen,

I present herewith a report on the general health of the district during the years 1940, 1941 and 1942. This report is purely interim and the statistics and records have been preserved as indicated in the appropriate circulars from the Ministry of Health. For the year 1943 it is proposed to give the various vital statistic rates (so far as is possible in wartime) for the years 1939 to 1943 inclusive, which, covering a period of five years, show more exactly the health of the district.

During these three years there have been no outstanding epidemics of infectious disease, nor was there any evidence of deterioration in the general health of the community, owing to war or other conditions. Somewhat fuller details are now given for each year.

1940.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

During the year 18 cases were notified, as follows:-
Diphtheria - 1 (aged over 15): Scarlet Fever - 3: Erysipelas - 1:
Measles - 12: Tuberculosis (Primary) - 1. Total - 18.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION:

The scheme commenced in late 1939 was continued and immunisations carried out at the schools and also at the Welfare Centre. The children fully immunised were:-

Under 5 years - 76: 5 - 15 years - 161. Total 237.

1941.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

69 cases were notified during the year as follows:-
Diphtheria - 2: Scarlet Fever - 2: Pneumonia - 4: Measles - 37:
Whooping Cough - 23: Tuberculosis (Primary) - 1: Total - 69.

The small epidemic of measles and the still smaller one of whooping cough were both of a very mild type.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION:

Immunised during the year: Under 5 years - 31: 5-15 years - 120.

TYPHOID INOCULATION:

Inoculation against the enteric group of fevers was offered to Civil Defence Personnel and was taken advantage of by some. The members of the Mobile Unit had already been immunised against these fevers and tetanus under a private arrangement.

1942.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

26 cases were notified during the year, namely:-
Scarlet Fever - 3: Pneumonia - 1: Measles - 17: Whooping Cough - 2:
Tuberculosis (Primary) - 3: Total - 26.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION:

Immunised during the year:

Under 5 years - 24: 5-15 years - 18: Total 42.

MILK SUPPLIES:

More attention was given to these during the year and systematic sampling commenced.

The following information regarding the Sanitary Inspection of the district has been supplied by Mr. Watkins, whom I should like to thank for his help and co-operation both as Sanitary Inspector and as Surveyor and for his attention to his normal duties while having considerable Civil Defence duties.

INSPECTIONS.

| | 1940 | 1941 | 1942 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Housing: | 15 | 27 | 39 |
| Factories & Workshops: | 12 | 17 | 28 |
| Dairies & Cowsheds: | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Bakehouses: | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Schools: | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Infectious Disease. | 5 | 7 | 21 |
| Shops: | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| | <u>36</u> | <u>59</u> | <u>110</u> |

SEWAGE DISPOSAL:

A new weir was constructed and an improvement made to one of the beds in 1942:

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Members of the Council for their great interest in the Health Services and also the Clerk for his help and co-operation. I also wish to thank the Members of the British Red Cross Society and the teachers for the assistance given in the Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Stockdale and Gentles,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID G. ANDERSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

Alderley Edge.

22nd April, 1944

